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## REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

(Mr. WENSTRUP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, when I became a physician, I took a Hippocratic oath to do no harm. It has guided my actions and my conscience to do no harm.

For the past 41 years, most Americans, regardless of their views on abortion, have agreed on one very simple principle: No taxpayer should be required to pay for abortion. We have agreed that Americans who believe life begins at conception should not be coerced by the government to violate their conscience.

As a Senator, Joe Biden told his constituents that, "The government should not tell those with strong convictions against abortion, such as you and I, that we must pay for them." That was Joe Biden then.

Tragically, President Biden and our colleagues across the aisle now want to eliminate lifesaving Hyde amendment protections and force every U.S. taxpayer to fund abortions through government spending.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JONES). As the Chair previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF DON CAMERINO GONZALEZ VALLE

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to honor the life of a family man, a entrepreneur, a community member, and a friend.

Don Camerino Gonzalez Valle, who passed away last week, embodied the American Dream. Camerino and his dad came to the U.S. to work in the Bracero program, just like my father had.

Camerino didn't fear hard work. He worked in the field, at meatpacking plants, as a taxi driver, and a bartender. But he found success by appealing to our community's cravings for food that reminded them of home. He founded Taqueria Los Comales in 1973, in our neighborhood of Little Village, serving delicious tacos al pastor, just like the ones you find in Mexico.

His strong work ethic and good eye for business soon turned into a restaurant with a chain of over 25

taquerias that went as far as Houston and Wisconsin. But Don Camerino was more than a businessman; he was, in a way, a father figure for many recently arrived immigrants who could find a plate of food and a job at his restaurants.

On holidays, like Thanksgiving and Christmas, he would keep the restaurant open so that the immigrants, who were far from home, could feel closer to their country of birth. Our common respect and admiration for our immigrant community is what brought us together as friends. He was also adamant about preserving important traditions, like la charrería, the Mexican-style rodeo, which he practiced with great discipline and honor.

When I decided to run for office, he supported me. My wife, Evelyn, and I send our thoughts to Don Camerino's family during this time. He will be sorely missed in our community.

## HONORING THE LIFE OF VERNON DEE MARTIN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mr. Vernon Dee Martin of St. Simons Island, Georgia, who peacefully passed away on June 12 at the age of 78.

Vernon was born in Oklahoma and moved to St. Simons Island in 1969, after accepting a position with the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Commission. At the time, he would become the youngest executive director of a regional agency in the United States. It is at the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Commission that I met Vernon, as I served as the chair of that commission during the time that he was executive director.

Some of Vernon's accomplishments include securing the Federal Law Enforcement Center in Brunswick and the Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base in Camden County. He also proudly served in the Georgia Army and Georgia Air National Guard for 40 years, retiring as a colonel.

Through every position he had, he worked to better his community and improve the lives of others. One cannot visit Georgia's First Congressional District without seeing the profound impacts Vernon made for his community.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

## INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share how the INVEST in America Act, which we just passed, will benefit residents of my district, as

well as communities across the country.

Year after year, the U.S. Congress has failed to muster the political will to properly fund American infrastructure. State and local authorities don't have enough money to meet basic maintenance needs, much less to make investments in modernization, expansion, or other improvements.

Thankfully, the INVEST in America Act can change that. It provides \$715 billion to repair and improve our Nation's infrastructure, create good-paying jobs, and lay the foundation for robust economic growth in the 21st century.

I am proud to say that this package includes almost \$21 million for projects to help communities in my district, small businesses, commuters, and residents. These projects include the redesign of dangerous rail crossings, upgrades to commuter transit stations, bike lanes, and safety improvements to areas like the Cobbs Creek Parkway, which is the site of hundreds of accidents—many of them fatal.

We have more work to do to get an infrastructure package to President Biden's desk and signed into law, but passing the INVEST in America Act is an important step towards that goal.

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(Mr. MOORE of Utah asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I stand in support of H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

For nearly half a century, Republicans and Democrats shared a bipartisan position that we should not use taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. Unfortunately, Democrats have now changed their mind.

Mr. Speaker, it is imperative that we codify the Hyde amendment, which protects the conscience rights of all Americans. We must also continue working across the aisle on solutions for low-income mothers and children, including housing, childcare, and healthcare to ensure every child is given equal opportunities, no matter the circumstances of their conception or birth.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

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(Mrs. LESKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)